

the disparity between the personal exemption allowances among the 3 countries;

Whereas the State of Maine legislature passed a resolution urging action on this matter;

Whereas the disparity in personal exemption allowances creates a trade barrier by making it difficult for Canadians and Mexicans to shop in American-owned stores without facing high additional costs;

Whereas the United States entered into the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico with the intent of phasing out tariff barriers among the 3 countries; and

Whereas it violates the spirit of the North American Free Trade Agreement for Canada and Mexico to maintain restrictive personal exemption allowance policies that are not reciprocal: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, should initiate discussions with officials of the Governments of Canada and Mexico to achieve parity by harmonizing the personal exemption allowance structure of the 3 NAFTA countries at or above United States exemption levels; and

(2) in the event that parity with respect to the personal exemption allowance of the 3 countries is not reached within 1 year after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of the Treasury should submit recommendations to Congress on whether legislative changes are necessary to lower the United States personal exemption allowance to conform to the allowance levels established in the other countries that are parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

DASCHLE AMENDMENT NO. 3778

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 4578) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 138, line 1, insert “; and of which not to exceed \$108,000 shall be for payment to the United Sioux Tribes of South Dakota Development Corporation for the purpose of providing employment assistance to Indian clients of the Corporation, including employment counseling, follow-up services, housing services, community services, day care services, and subsistence to help Indian clients become fully employed members of society” before the colon.

EDWARDS AMENDMENTS NOS. 3779-3880

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. EDWARDS submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, *supra*; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3779

On page 164, line 19, strike “\$1,233,824,000” and insert “\$1,229,824,000”.

On page 168, line 11, strike “\$76,320,000” and insert “\$80,320,000”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3780

On page 130, line 4 strike “\$847,596,000” and insert “\$849,396,000”.

On page 130, line 17, before the colon insert “; and of which \$1,800,000 shall remain available until expended, to repair or replace stream monitoring equipment and associated facilities damaged by natural disasters: *Provided*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that the President submits to Congress an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.): *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

GRAMS AMENDMENT NO. 3781

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRAMS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, *supra*; as follows:

On page 126, line 16, strike “\$207,079,000,” and insert “\$202,950,000, of which not more than \$511,000 shall be used for the construction of a heritage center for the Grand Portage National Monument in Minnesota.”

On page 165, line 25, strike “\$618,500,000,” and inserting “\$622,629,000, of which at least \$6,947,000 shall be used for hazardous fuels reduction activities in the Superior and Chippewa National Forests in Minnesota and the Chequamegon National Forest in Wisconsin.”

DOMENICI (AND OTHERS)

AMENDMENT NO. 3782

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4578, *supra*; as follows:

At an appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new title:

TITLE —HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for “Wildland Fire Management” to remove hazardous material to alleviate immediate emergency threats to urban wildland interface areas as defined by the Secretary of the Interior, \$120.3 million to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent an official budget request, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined by such Act, is transmitted by the President to the Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for “Wildland Fire Management” to remove hazardous material to alleviate immediate emergency threats to urban wildland interface areas as defined by the Secretary of Agriculture, \$120 million to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended: *Provided further*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent an official budget request, that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined by such Act, is transmitted by the President to the Congress: *Provided further*, That:

(a) In expending the funds provided in any Act with respect to any fiscal year for hazardous fuels reduction, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may hereafter conduct fuel reduction treatments on Federal lands using all contracting and hiring authorities available to the Secretaries. Notwithstanding Federal government procurement and contracting laws, the Secretaries may hereafter conduct fuel reduction treatments on Federal lands using grants and cooperative agreements. Notwithstanding Federal government procurement and contracting laws, in order to provide employment and training opportunities to people in rural communities, the Secretaries may hereafter, at their sole discretion, limit competition for any contracts, with respect to any fiscal year, including contracts for monitoring activities, to:

(1) local private, non-profit, or cooperative entities;

(2) Youth Conservation Corps crews or related partnerships with state, local, and non-profit youth groups;

(3) Small or micro-businesses; or

(4) other entities that will hire or train a significant percentage of local people to complete such contracts.

(b) Prior to September 30, 2000, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall jointly publish in the Federal Register a list of all urban wildland interface communities, as defined by the Secretaries, within the vicinity of Federal lands that are at risk from wildfire. This list shall include:

(1) an identification of communities around which hazardous fuel reduction treatments are ongoing; and

(2) an identification of communities around which the Secretaries are preparing to begin treatments in calendar year 2000.

(c) Prior to May 1, 2001, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall jointly publish in the Federal Register a list of all urban wildland interface communities, as defined by the Secretaries, within the vicinity of Federal lands and at risk from wildfire that are included in the list published pursuant to subsection (b) but that are not included in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2), along with an identification of reasons, not limited to lack of available funds, why there are no treatments ongoing or being prepared for these communities.

(d) Within 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish in the Federal Register the Forest Service's Cohesive Strategy for Protecting People and Sustaining Resources in Fire-Adapted Ecosystems, and an explanation of any differences between the Cohesive Strategy and other related ongoing policymaking activities including: proposed regulations revising the National Forest System transportation policy; proposed roadless area protection regulations; the Interior Columbia

Basin Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; and the Sierra Nevada Framework/Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Secretary shall also provide 30 days for public comment on the Cohesive Strategy and the accompanying explanation.

DOMENICI AMENDMENTS NOS. 3783-3785

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI submitted three amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 3783

On page 163, after line 23, add the following:

SECTION 1. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR INTERIOR POLICIES REGARDING MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT.

Effective for fiscal year 2000, and each subsequent fiscal year, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used to require the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District constructed irrigation works to provide bypass flows for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow or the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher at San Acacia Diversion Dam to maintain flows to the headwaters of Elephant Butte Reservoir except as may be provided in an agreement entered into by all holders of water rights with points of diversion above the headwaters of Elephant Butte Reservoir and which agreement has been approved by the New Mexico State Engineer, or as may be required by a final non-appealable court order.

SEC. 2. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR INTERIOR POLICIES REGARDING THE FORT SUMNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Effective for fiscal year 2000, and each subsequent fiscal year, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds made available by this Act or any other Act shall be used to require the Fort Sumner Irrigation District irrigation works to maintain flows for endangered species except as may be provided in an agreement entered into by all affected holders of water rights and which agreement has been approved by the New Mexico State Engineer, or as may be required by a final non-appealable court order.

AMENDMENT No. 3784

On page 165, after line 18, add the following:

For an additional amount to cover necessary expenses for implementation of the Valles Caldera Preservation Act, \$990,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be available to the Secretary for the management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve: *Provided*, That any remaining balances be provided to the Valles Caldera Trust upon its assumption of the management of the Preserve: *Provided further*, That the amount available to the Office of the Solicitor within the Department of the Interior shall not exceed \$39,206,000.

AMENDMENT No. 3785

On page 126, after line 22, add the following new paragraph:

For an additional amount for construction, improvements, repair or replacement of physical facilities, including final design, management, inspection, furnishing, and equipping of an expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, New Mexico, notwithstanding any other provision of law, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended, which is to be provided by

the Secretary of the Interior to the New Mexico State Office of Cultural Affairs: *Provided*, That the entire amount provided in this paragraph shall be available only to the extent an official budget request for designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement as defined in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, is transmitted by the President to the Congress; *Provided further*, That the entire amount provided in this paragraph is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of such Act.

STEVENS AMENDMENTS NOS. 3786-3789

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. STEVENS submitted four amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 3786

On page 170, line 3 insert before the period the following: “, *Provided*, That \$750,000 shall be transferred to the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game as a direct payment for administrative and policy coordination”.

AMENDMENT No. 3787

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section

“SEC. . (a) All proceeds of Oil and Gas Lease sale 991, held by the Bureau of Land Management on May 5, 1999, or subsequent lease sales in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska within the area subject to withdrawal for Kuukpiik Corporation's selection under section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 92-203 (85 Stat. 688), shall be held in an escrow account administered under the terms of section 1411 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487 (94 Stat. 2371), without regard to whether a withdrawal for selection has been made, and paid to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the State of Alaska in the amount of their entitlement under law when determined, together with interest at the rate provided in the aforementioned section 1411, for the date of receipt of the proceeds by the United States to the date of payment. There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(b) The section shall be effective as of May 5, 1999.”

AMENDMENT No. 3788

On page 168, line 18 insert before the period the following: “; *Provided further*, That of the amounts appropriated and available, the Secretary of Agriculture shall transfer as a direct payment to the City of Craig at least \$5,000,000 but not to exceed \$10,000,000 in lieu of any claims or municipal entitlement to land within the outside boundaries of the Tongass National Forest pursuant to section 6(A) of Public Law 85-508, the Alaska Statehood Act, as amended; *Provided further*, That should the directive in the preceding proviso conflict with any provision of existing law the preceding proviso shall prevail and take precedence”.

AMENDMENT No. 3789

At the appropriate place insert the following new section:

“SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to Harvey R. Redmond of Girdwood Alaska, at no cost, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to United States Survey No. 12192, Alaska con-

sisting of 49.96 acres located in the vicinity of T. 9N., R., 3E., Seward Meridian, Alaska.”.

SESSIONS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3790

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. REID, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4578, supra; as follows:

On page 225, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SEC. . None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to publish Class III gaming procedures under part 291 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations

BINGAMAN AMENDMENT NO. 3791

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM RISK OF WILDLAND FIRE.

In recognition of the recent fires that have occurred in New Mexico and other parts of the Interior West and in order to focus hazardous fuels reduction activities on the highest priority areas where critical issues of human safety and property loss are the most serious, the Forest Service shall expend fifty percent of the hazardous fuels operations funds provided in this Act only on projects within the urban/wildland interface or within municipal watersheds that are determined to be at high risk of catastrophic fire.

SESSIONS AMENDMENTS NOS. 3792-3793

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. SESSIONS submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 3792

On page 125, line 11, strike “\$1,443,795,000,” and insert “\$1,445,795,000, of which not less than \$2,000,000 shall be available to carry out exhibitions at and acquire interior furnishings for the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, Alabama, and”.

On page 201, line 11, strike “\$104,604,000” and insert “\$102,640,000”.

AMENDMENT No. 3793

On page 122, line 9, before the period, insert the following: “, of which \$3,000,000 shall be used for acquisition of land around the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, Alabama, and of which not more than \$4,500,000 shall be used for acquisition management”.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

BYRD AMENDMENT NO. 3794

Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BREAU, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. WELLSTONE) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 3767 previously proposed by Mr. WARNER (for Mr. BYRD) to the bill (S.

2549) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after "Sec." and insert the following:

1061. NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF UNITED STATES-CHINA TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) NAME OF COMMISSION.—Section 127(c)(1) of the Trade Deficit Review Commission Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended by striking "Trade Deficit Review Commission" and inserting "United States-China Security Review Commission".

(2) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.—Section 127(c)(3)(B)(i)(I) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended by inserting "national security matters and United States-China relations," after "expertise in".

(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—Section 127(c)(3)(A) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(A) IN GENERAL.—

"(i) APPOINTMENT BEGINNING WITH 107TH CONGRESS.—Beginning with the 107th Congress and each new Congress thereafter, members shall be appointed not later than 30 days after the date on which Congress convenes. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of service.

"(ii) TRANSITION.—Members serving on the Commission shall continue to serve until such time as new members are appointed."

(b) PURPOSE.—Section 127(k) of the Trade Deficit Review Commission Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(k) UNITED STATES-CHINA NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon submission of the report described in subsection (e), the Commission shall—

"(A) wind up the functions of the Trade Deficit Review Commission; and

"(B) monitor, investigate, and report to Congress on the national security implications of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

"(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report to Congress, in both unclassified and classified form, regarding the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China. The report shall include a full analysis, along with conclusions and recommendations for legislative and administrative actions, of the national security implications for the United States of the trade and current balances with the People's Republic of China in goods and services, financial transactions, and technology transfers. The Commission shall also take into account patterns of trade and transfers through third countries to the extent practicable.

"(3) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report described in paragraph (2) shall include, at a minimum, a full discussion of the following:

"(A) The portion of trade in goods and services with the United States that the People's Republic of China dedicates to military systems or systems of a dual nature that could be used for military purposes.

"(B) The acquisition by the Government of the People's Republic of China and entities controlled by the Government of advanced military technologies through United States trade and technology transfers.

"(C) Any transfers, other than those identified under subparagraph (B), to the military systems of the People's Republic of China made by United States firms and United States-based multinational corporations.

"(D) An analysis of the statements and writing of the People's Republic of China officials and officially-sanctioned writings that bear on the intentions of the Government of the People's Republic of China regarding the pursuit of military competition with, and leverage over, the United States and the Asian allies of the United States.

"(E) The military actions taken by the Government of the People's Republic of China during the preceding year that bear on the national security of the United States and the regional stability of the Asian allies of the United States.

"(F) The effects to the national security interests of the United States of the use by the People's Republic of China of financial transactions, capital flow, and currency manipulations.

"(G) Any action taken by the Government of the People's Republic of China in the context of the World Trade Organization that is adverse to the United States national security interests.

"(H) Patterns of trade and investment between the People's Republic of China and its major trading partners, other than the United States, that appear to be substantively different from trade and investment patterns with the United States and whether the differences constitute a security problem for the United States.

"(I) The extent to which the trade surplus of the People's Republic of China with the United States enhances the military budget of the People's Republic of China.

"(J) An overall assessment of the state of the security challenges presented by the People's Republic of China to the United States and whether the security challenges are increasing or decreasing from previous years.

"(4) RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT.—The report described in paragraph (2) shall include recommendations for action by Congress or the President, or both, including specific recommendations for the United States to invoke Article XXI (relating to security exceptions) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 with respect to the People's Republic of China, as a result of any adverse impact on the national security interests of the United States."

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) HEARINGS.—Section 127(f)(1) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) HEARINGS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission or, at its direction, any panel or member of the Commission, may for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, receive evidence, and administer oaths to the extent that the Commission or any panel or member considers advisable.

"(B) INFORMATION.—The Commission may secure directly from the Department of Defense, the Central Intelligence Agency, and any other Federal department or agency information that the Commission considers necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under this Act, except the provision of intelligence information to the Commission shall be made with due regard for the protection from unauthorized disclosure of classified information relating to sensitive intelligence sources and methods or other exceptionally sensitive matters, under procedures approved by the Director of Central Intelligence.

"(C) SECURITY.—The Office of Senate Security shall—

"(i) provide classified storage and meeting and hearing spaces, when necessary, for the Commission; and

"(ii) assist members and staff of the Commission in obtaining security clearances.

"(D) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—All members of the Commission and appropriate staff shall be sworn and hold appropriate security clearances."

(2) CHAIRMAN.—

(A) Section 127(c)(6) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended by striking "Chairperson" and inserting "Chairman".

(B) Section 127(g) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended by striking "Chairperson" each place it appears and inserting "Chairman".

(3) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—Section 127(c)(7) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended—

(A) by striking "CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON" in the heading and inserting "CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN";

(B) by striking "chairperson" and "vice chairperson" in the text and inserting "Chairman" and "Vice Chairman"; and

(C) by inserting "at the beginning of each new Congress" before the end period.

(d) APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 127(i) of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2213 note) is amended to read as follows:

"(i) AUTHORIZATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for fiscal year 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, such sums as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its functions. Appropriations to the Commission are authorized to remain available until expended. Unobligated balances of appropriations made to the Trade Deficit Review Commission before the effective date of this subsection shall remain available to the Commission on and after such date.

"(2) FOREIGN TRAVEL FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES.—Foreign travel for official purposes by members and staff of the Commission may be authorized by either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman."

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the 107th Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

CRAIG (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3795

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HATCH, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4578, *supra*; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following new section:

SEC. . REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR FOREST SERVICE RULES.

(a) (1) From the amount appropriated for "Forest Products," a sum of \$1,000,000 shall be made available until expended to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of reviewing certain proposed rules concerning the planning and management of National Forest System lands referred to in paragraph (2).

(2) The proposed rules subject to this section are the proposed road management and transportation system rule, and proposed

special areas—roadless area conservation rule published at 64 Federal Register 54074 (October 5, 1999) and 65 Federal Register 11676 and 30276 (March 3 and May 10, 2000), respectively.

(b) With the funds allocated pursuant to subsection (a)(1):

(1) The Secretary shall appoint an advisory committee in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act and subsection (d) of persons knowledgeable, and reflecting a diversity of viewpoints, concerning issues related to the planning and management of National Forest System lands. The appointments shall be made as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) The advisory committee shall—

(A) review and evaluate the proposed rules referred to in subsection (a)(2) and their prospective implementation, particularly as to their cumulative effects and the manner in which they relate to each other, are integrated, and will function together, including any inconsistencies or conflicts in their goals, purposes, application, or likely results and determined whether and in what way they may be improved; and

(B) submit a written report to the Secretary describing the results of the review and evaluation of the proposed rules required by, and any recommendations for improvement of such rules determined pursuant to, subparagraph (A), including any supplemental or minority views which any member or members of the advisory committee may wish to express.

(3) The Secretary shall make the report of the advisory committee required by paragraph (2)(B) available for public comment and submit the report to the Congress, together with a written response of the Secretary to the report and the public comment on the report.

(c) No funds appropriated by this Act or any other act of Congress may be expended for further development or promulgation of the proposed rules referred to in subsection (a)(2) prior to 60 days after the date of submission to the Congress of the report of the advisory committee and the response of the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b)(3).

(d) (1) The advisory committee appointed pursuant to subsection (b)(1) shall have no more than 15, nor less than 9, members who may not be officers or employees of the United States. The Chair of the advisory committee shall be selected from among and by its members.

(2) The members of the advisory committee, while attending conferences, hearing, or meetings of the advisory committee or while otherwise serving at the request of the Chair shall each be entitled to receive compensation at a rate not in excess of the maximum rate of pay for grade GS-18, as provided in the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, including travel time, and while away from their homes or regular places of business shall each be reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in Government service employed intermittently.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "GAO's Performance and Accountability Review: Is the SBA on PAR?" The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live over the Internet from our homepage address: <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>.

For further information, please contact David Bohley at 224-5175.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a meeting to mark up S. 1594, Community Development and Venture Capital Act of 1999, and other pending matters. The markup will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2000, beginning at 9 a.m., in room 428A, Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., has been postponed until Friday, July 21, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement implementing the October 1999 announcement by President Clinton to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

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The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2754, a bill to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Utah; S. 2757, a bill to provide for the transfer or other disposition of certain lands at Melrose Air Force Range, New Mexico, and Yakima Training Center, Washington; and S. 2691, a bill to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in Hart 216.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 11, 2000, to conduct a hearing to examine the "Federal Transit Administration's approval of extension of the Amtrak Commuter Rail Contract."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 11 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 2195, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2350, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah; and S. 2672, a bill to provide for the conveyance of various reclamation projects to local water authorities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, July 11, 2000 from 9:30 p.m.-12:00 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Sparrow, Jerry Pannullo, Lee Holtzman, and Matthew Voge of the Finance Committee staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the week.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Erin Fullerton be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BIDEN, I ask unanimous consent the privilege of the floor be granted to a member of his staff, Ben